

5 JOHN CLOUD, (William), son of William Cloud, Sr., was born in England, and probably came to Pennsylvania with his father. In 1713 his brother Jeremiah Cloud, by deed dated February 15, 1713, conveyed 200 acres to him, and which was part of the original 500 acres granted to William Cloud, Sr. In 1728 John Cloud conveyed this tract to his son Edward Cloud. In 1721 he conveyed to his son John Cloud, Jr., 150 acres of land situate in Chichester, Chester County, Pa. The following abstract of a deed dated December 23, 1778, and recorded in Deed Book D 2, page 175, New Castle, Delaware records, shows some light upon the family history: (Furnished by Gilbert Cope).

John Cloud of Southwark, Philadelphia, shipwright, (only son and heir of Richard Cloud late of Brandywine Hundred, who was eldest son of Edward Cloud, dec'd), and Elizabeth his wife to Benjamin Wynnkoop of Philadelphia City, Merchant. Recites deed of February 15, 1713, Jeremiah Cloud of Manor of Rockland & Elizabeth his wife to his brother John Cloud of the same place 200 acres, part of 500 acres patented to Jeremiah Cloud, and the said John Cloud, December 10, 1748 (28), conveyed to son Edward, reserving life estate, and by will, March 19, 1743-4 (at Chester) gave Edward Cloud the bond securing the performance of the conditions. Edward Cloud died intestate leaving Richard, Edward and Susanna, --Richard taking two shares. Edward petitioned, April 20, 1762, representing that Richard was deceased before his father leaving an only child John; and Susanna now also deceased leaving only child Susanna, now a minor. Lands awarded to John, reserving dower of widow, now also deceased. (D. 46, Orphans' Court). John Cloud, brother of Edward the intestate and uncle of John, party hereto, during the minority of the last named, obtained possession of a deed now burnt or lost, and claimed the property, but was cast in a suit at law, April, 1765.

John Cloud married Ahn Beeson, daughter of Edward Beeson of Nottingham. The latter in his will, dated 6 mo. 20, 1712, gives £20 to his daughter Ann Cloud. In 1722 he was a resident taxable of Chichester township, Chester county, Pennsylvania, but he seems to have subsequently removed to Brandywine hundred, New Castle county, Delaware.

He died in 1744. His will made March 19, 1743-4, and proven Dec. 10, 1744, is recorded at West Chester, in Will-Book B, page 172. He is said to be of Brandywine Hundred, and mentions his sons Edward and John, and his daughters Ann and Susanna Bird.